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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORT, UN, EC, BE  
SUBJECT: UN OVERVIEW: BELGIAN VIEWS

REF: STATE 17255

1. AN EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED THE UN OVERVIEW COMMITTEE  
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ON FEBRUARY 2 WITH JACQUES SCAVEE OF THE MFA NORTH-SOUTH  
AND ENERGY OFFICE. (SCAVEE IS DEPUTY TO AMBASSADOR PAUL  
DENIS WHO IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO PARIS THIS MONTH AS  
BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO).

2. SCAVEE SAID THAT BELGIUM HAS NOT DEVELOPED A DETAILED  
POSITION ON OVERVIEW. AS IS OFTEN THE CASE, THE GOB WILL

PUT ITS MAIN EFFORT INTO WORKING FOR A MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD EC CONSENSUS. THE DUTCH REMAIN A PROBLEM, SCAVEE SAID; HE IS NOT SURE THAT A JOINT EC POSITION WILL BE POSSIBLE. HE BELIEVES THAT FEW IF ANY HARD DECISIONS WILL BE MADE IN BRUSSELS BUT RATHER THAT THE EC POSITION WILL ONLY BE FLESHED OUT BY THE MEMBER STATES' REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK.

3. SCAVEE ASSURED US BELGIUM FULLY AGREES THAT THE NEW COMMITTEE MUST NOT BECOME A NEGOTIATING FORUM OR INVOLVE ITSELF IN SPECIALIZED WORK ALREADY BEING DONE BY EXISTING INSTITUTIONS. HE QUESTIONED HOWEVER WHETHER OUR PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON ONLY TWO PLENARY MEETINGS, CREATION OF A STEERING GROUP AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE VERY BROAD AGENDA WE HAVE IN MIND ARE REALISTIC ENOUGH TO CONSTITUTE AN EFFECTIVE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION WITH THE G-77.

4. FINALLY, SCAVEE SAID THAT WHILE BELGIUM AGREES THAT OVERVIEW REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD GENERALLY BE POLICY-LEVEL, THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN A GOB DECISION ON THE LEVEL OF ITS REPRESENTATION FOR THE INITIAL, ORGANIZING SESSION. WE STRESSED OUR HOPE THAT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL BE SENT FROM BRUSSELS AND SCAVEE PROMISED THAT THE USG POINT OF VIEW WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN MAKING THE DECISION. CHAMBERS

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